

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,  
Classified by Weight, weekending: Mar 01, 2003**

**FOOD SERVICE/**

	<u>FAST FOOD</u>	<u>RETAIL</u>	<u>DEBONING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Weight Range	4.20 & Down	4.21 – 5.25	5.26 & Up	---
Total (000)	21,450	18,021	46,347	85,818
Percentage	25%	21%	54%	100%

**Fast Food and Food Service Sizes**

<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>RTC WOG Weight</u>	<u>No. of Head (000)</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Slaughter</u>
3.60 lbs. & Lighter	Under 2 lbs., 8 oz.	6,431	7.49
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz.	3,610	4.20
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz.	3,854	4.49
4.01 - 4.20 lbs.	2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz.	7,555	8.80
		21,450	24.98

Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand ranged light to fair. Offerings were more than sufficient for immediate trade needs. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were readily available. Other items were adequate to at least adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

**BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER**

Slaughter Week	Egg Sets		Chicks Placed		Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous		Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous		Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered	
	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%*	(000)	%**
Jan 11	<b>202,919</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>162,087</b>	<b>96</b>	189,806	97	155,053	98	<b>152,541</b>	<b>120</b>
Jan 18	<b>203,508</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>163,724</b>	<b>97</b>	197,944	97	161,875	98	<b>153,150</b>	<b>100</b>
Jan 25	<b>204,772</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>166,044</b>	<b>99</b>	199,084	97	162,000	97	<b>144,124</b>	<b>94</b>
Feb 01	<b>203,980</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>166,256</b>	<b>101</b>	200,210	98	162,898	98	<b>151,181</b>	<b>105</b>
Feb 08	<b>201,937</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>165,277</b>	<b>100</b>	202,586	96	164,701	98	<b>150,335</b>	<b>99</b>
Feb 15	<b>202,463</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>166,036</b>	<b>99</b>	200,118	98	162,324	98	<b>152,044</b>	<b>101</b>
Feb 22	<b>203,562</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>164,979</b>	<b>97</b>	203,451	98	164,413	97	<b>147,355</b>	<b>97</b>
Mar 01	<b>205,205</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>164,349</b>	<b>97</b>	200,256	96	162,132	96	<b>148,405</b>	<b>101</b>
Mar 08	<b>205,590</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>163,738</b>	<b>95</b>	201,092	97	163,604	97	<b>151,538</b>	<b>102</b>

Data in bold are subject to revision \*Percent of previous year \*\*Percent change from previous week

**Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)**

**Week of 03/17/03**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Previous Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
<b>New York</b> Grade A Ice-packed	54.95	55.26	47.27
<b>Chicago</b> Grade A Ice-packed	54.70	55.39	48.31
<b>Los Angeles</b> Grade A Ice-packed	67.82	67.60	65.67
<b>12-City</b> Composite Weighted Avg.	60.89	61.12	55.22
<b>Georgia Dock</b> FOB Final Weighted Avg.	63.10	62.47	61.03
<b>Southern States</b> FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index	49.00	48.13	39.73

**Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)**

**Weekly Weighted Average**

	<u>Northeast (Delivered) 03/14/03</u>	<u>Southern States (FOB) 3/14/03</u>	<u>Georgia (FOB) 03/17/03</u>
Breast - B/S	149.32	138.89	155.50
Tenderloins	113.33	134.12	170.00 (Line run)
Breast – Line Run	81.56	87.27	85.00 (Whole)
Leg Quarters	21.14	19.22	22.00
Wings	70.88	67.42	70.50